



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2453 - HB 2655

February 19, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014001): Extends indefinitely the period for reimbursement for healthcare services provided by a telehealth encounter past April 1, 2022. Tolls the 16-month period that a provider can offer telemedicine services to their patient without having an in-person encounter for the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor, provided that the healthcare services provider or the patient, or both, are located in the geographical area covered by the applicable state of emergency.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Without the proposed legislation, after April 1, 2022, medical carriers would have the ability to consider a lesser payment for telehealth. However, the established current practice of the Benefits Administration medical carriers is to pay at parity. Therefore, the legislation will have no impact to Benefits Administration.
- For the Division of TennCare's Managed Care Organizations, it is assumed any impacts from a decrease in in-person visits will be offset with impacts from virtual visits as a result of the policies implemented from the proposed legislation during state of emergencies, leading to a not significant net impact.
- The proposed legislation will not impact any programs or policies of the Department of Commerce and Insurance; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- The provisions of the proposed legislation will not result in any significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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